The article is devoted to the analysis of institutional support in the food sector of Ukraine. The system of institutes for providing food safety of Ukrainian regions and the interconnection of elements of the institutional environment and food safety indicators are considered. Monitoring foreign experience in the formation of public and private institutions proves that, with fair and equal “gam- ing” in the market, everyone gets the benefit. Therefore, several institutions of partnership between state authorities and businesses in the food industry are being proposed.

The main elements of the institutional environment for ensuring food security are: state, property, labor, competition, infrastructure, price. They stimulate production, increase the investment attractiveness of the agro-industry, lead to the financial independence of commodity producers and improve the availability, quality and safety of food products. The methodology of research on the impact of the institutional environment of the agrarian market on food security should be formed through the identification of links between institutions and food security, which is characterized by the degree of influence of elements of the institutional environment on food security of the state.

Food security institutes form preconditions and create mechanisms for regulating socio-economic processes of market behavior, income, costs, prices, etc. The analysis of Ukrainian institutions made it possible to determine that the formation of innovative strategic structures of the food sector includes regulatory, organizational and economic, infrastructure and scientific regulation, the effectiveness of which depends on the food independence of the state, the state of the competitive potential of the industry in the domestic and foreign markets, the solution socio-economic, technological, environmental and demographic problems.